



BRIGHT FUTURES

St Catherine's School

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Education is not the filling of
a pail, but the lighting of a fire.

■ William Butler Yeats

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At St Catherine's we are proud
of our commitment to The Bright
Futures Bursary Programme, which
is our way of supporting girls who
are financially disadvantaged but
are full of potential. Individual
and collective generosity
ensures that talented girls can
gain a first class education.
St Catherine's is committed to
funding Bursary students. We
know that Bursary places change
girls' lives and enrich the whole
School environment.



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WILL YOU GIVE A TALENTED GIRL A BRIGHT FUTURE?

As a current or past parent, an alumna or friend of the School you are part of a diverse and vibrant community of which we are proud. By supporting our Bright Futures Bursary Programme you enable a girl who would otherwise not have been able to be part of the St Cat's community to join her peers as they pass through the Study Arches; charge to the Sports field, lacrosse stick in hand; develop her natural curiosity in whatever academic subject fires her imagination; find moments of quiet contemplation in the Chapel; and make friends for life from across the world.

In years to come, the St Cat's girls that you support through the Bright Futures Bursary Programme will make their own vital contribution to society, becoming one of a community of resourceful and talented female leaders. Whatever they achieve, it will be because you believed in them. You'll help a girl to hold her head a little higher, focus on her studies and make the most of all that St Catherine's has to offer her, in the knowledge that she deserves to be here. Her parents will watch her thrive and succeed, grateful for your financial support which will allow her to realise her potential. And as a School community we all benefit both from the diversity that inclusion brings and the experiences that those girls who receive bursary support are able to share with the generations that follow them.

If you were at St Catherine's, or if your daughter is currently enjoying the School, you can 'light a fire' by giving another girl a chance to:

- be inspired by exceptional teachers
- find and develop her interests
- believe in her own ability and
- fulfil her potential.

Giving an education to a girl of exceptional ability, but without the financial means:

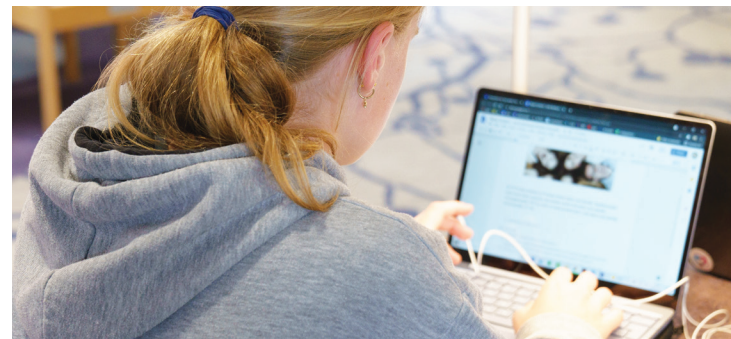
- changes her life and her life chances
- creates a more diverse School community
- contributes to long-term social mobility and
- changes the world as educated women take their place in society.

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I am immensely grateful for the bursary funding that I received from U3 to U6, as my education at St Cat's has helped me make my dreams become a reality. I would love for other children to be given the amazing opportunities I got that were made possible by my bursary.

■ Alumna 2021, now reading Medicine at UCL

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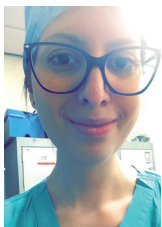


A MOTHER'S STORY ■ Mrs P, mother of alumna of 2021

When we heard that my daughter had been awarded a bursary to St Catherine's we were at first disbelieving and then delighted. As a single parent and having worked in education for 15 years, I knew that she was being given the precious gift not only of a first-class academic education tailored for and around girls but also the opportunity to become part of a thriving and supportive lifelong community.

Now seven years on, I can only reiterate what an amazing life-time gift has been given to her by the generous and caring donors who support the Bright Futures Bursary Programme. My daughter has grown in confidence, made life-long friends, been able to make the most of her abilities and discovered many new interests through being encouraged to "give it a go." I feel sure that in the future she in turn will want to support and help other girls access such opportunities. She will always be a proud St Cat's girl!

GIRLS SHINING BRIGHT THANKS TO BURSARY SUPPORT



“St Catherine's gave me everything I have now. It taught me how to learn and how to think. My potential was drawn out and I was encouraged to believe in myself.

■ Andrea, Alumna 2012, now a Junior Doctor at James Cook Hospital, Liverpool



“St Catherine's has helped me build on my potential and opened my eyes to future opportunities. It has provided an incredible stepping-stone for me.

■ Mari-Liis, Alumna 2015, now studying Media and Student Work as a Ministry trainee at Kings Church, Durham



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Since leaving St Catherine's I completed my BEd in Primary Education and am now teaching in a primary school in Surrey. As a teacher myself now, I am able to reflect and appreciate just what a special school St Catherine's is. The support, nurturing, guidance and great quality of teaching I received when I was there meant that I grew in confidence as a person and was able to go on and achieve my dream of being a teacher. My mum always did her best for me but being from a single parent family meant that without the bursary, the opportunities I gained from St Catherine's would not have been possible. The bursary really did change my life and I will be forever grateful.

■ Georgia, Alumna 2015, now a Primary School Teacher in Surrey

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GIVE THE GIFT OF AN EDUCATION

If you would like to join our community of support and give a girl the chance to flourish at St Catherine's you can do so by completing the donation form in this brochure. Some people choose to give a single gift, others to set up a schedule of regular payments - monthly, quarterly or annually - while some choose to support Bright Futures with a full year's fees.

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An investment in knowledge pays the best interest.

■ Benjamin Franklin

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All gifts are valuable and collectively allow us to welcome bright girls with potential to St Catherine's, transforming their educational opportunities. By supporting the Bright Futures Bursary Programme you give a girl the chance to experience all that a St Catherine's education offers.

From time to time we host small evening gatherings to give parents and alumnae the chance to hear more about giving to the Bright Futures Bursary Programme. At each event an alumna who has benefited from a Bursary place will share their story. If you would like to join us please do call Pippa Carte on 01483 899754 or email pippa.carte@stcatherines.info

I WOULD LIKE TO GIVE THE GIFT OF LEARNING TO A TALENTED GIRL

My details

Title: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Postcode: _____

Country: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Please accept my single gift of

£ _____

☐ By BACS transfer with my surname as reference

Please pay to: **Lloyds Bank Plc, 147 High Street, Guildford, GU1 3AG**

Account:
St Catherine's Development Fund-
Sort Code: Account No:
30-93-74 00862308

☐ By cheque payable to: **St Catherine's School Development Fund**

I'd like to make a regular gift by Standing Order

Instructions to the Bank/Building Society

To the manager Bank/ Building Society name: _____

Bank Building Society address: _____

Postcode: _____

Sort Code: - -

Account Number:

Account Name: _____

Please pay to: **Lloyds Bank Plc, 147 High Street, Guildford, GU1 3AG**

Account: **St Catherine's Development Fund**

Sort Code: Account No:
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For the credit of St Catherine's School Development Fund the sum of £ _____ and the same sum on the same day each month/quarter/year (*delete as applicable*)

Beginning on: / / **20**

Until: / / **20**

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To maximise the value of your gift please sign and date this Gift Aid declaration. We will reclaim the tax at no cost to you.

Please treat this gift, and any I make in the future, as a Gift Aid donation. I confirm I have paid or will pay an amount of Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax for each tax year (6 April to 5 April) that is at least equal to the amount of tax that all the charities or Community Amateur Sports Clubs (CASCs) that I donate to will reclaim on my gifts for that tax year. I understand that other taxes such as VAT and Council Tax do not qualify. I understand the charity will reclaim 28p of tax on every £1 that I gave up to 5 April 2008 and will reclaim 25p of tax on every £1 that I give on or after 6 April 2008. I understand that if I pay less Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all my donations in the tax year it is my responsibility to pay any difference.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

We would like to contact you about St Catherine's Association and Development activities, and share updates on the impact of your support. Please tick here ☐



Thank you for your support. Please return the form to: **St Catherine's School**, Station Road, Bramley, Guildford, Surrey, GU5 0DF. **T:** 01483 899754 **E:** pippa.carte@stcatherines.info
www.stcatherines.info Registered Charity Number: 1070858



YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED

HOW ARE BURSARIES FUNDED?

They are primarily funded by School fees. We also fundraise from the former and current School community. The more donations we receive, the more deserving girls we can educate, and the more we can invest in other School projects to benefit all the girls.

HOW MANY BURSARY STUDENTS ARE THERE?

There are in the region of 25 students receiving a bursary. Bursary awards offer girls transformative opportunities, covering fees and additional costs. They are given to girls between 7 and 18.

HOW IS THE VALUE OF A BURSARY DECIDED?

Bursaries are awarded based on financial need. The family has to provide evidence of need which includes details of their financial assets and earnings. This rigorous analysis determines the value of the Bursary award given eg. 60%, 80%, 100%. Bursaries are reassessed annually.

WHAT DO YOU NEED TO RAISE?

We aim to raise £200,000 per year for the next five years. Achieving this would mean we would be able to extend our Bursary provision to more girls.

CAN MY GIFT MAKE AN IMPACT?

All gifts, large and small, make a difference. Cumulatively the gifts of the School community, former and current, allow us to support in the region of 25 students a year. With your gift, we may have the opportunity to fund more.

HOW WILL I KNOW HOW MY MONEY IS SPENT?

We fully respect your contribution to the Bursary Fund and will report annually on the programme. We share anonymised stories of girls in School as well as news of those girls who have benefited from donors to the Bursary Fund in the past and are now at University or developing their careers.

IF MOST OF THE MONEY TO FUND BURSARY STUDENTS IS COMING FROM FEE INCOME, AS A PARENT, AM I NOT ALREADY DONATING?

Yes, you are. However, we believe we have a social responsibility to extend the benefits of a St Catherine's education to those less fortunate. Choosing to give a gift to the Bursary Fund is a charitable commitment to provide the gift of an education that will transform a bright child's life.

GET IN TOUCH

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